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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS--.

IN THE ABSTRACT

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A [Method]method of **[genetic modification of a TGB-3 wild type viral sequence for reducing or suppressing the possible deleterious effects of the agronomic properties of a transformed plant or plant cell by said]** identifying mutants in a TGB-3 viral sequence which inhibit infection of a virus into a cell, comprising **[the following successive steps]**:
 - **[submitting]mutating** said TGB-3 sequence **[to point mutation(s) which allow the substitution of at least one amino-acid into a different amino-acid,]**;
 - selecting **[genetically modified]** TGB-3 mutants**[wild type viral sequences having said point mutation(s) and]** which no longer **[are not able to]** promote cell-to-cell movement of a (TGB-3 minus) mutant virus **[having a dysfunctional TGB-3 wild type viral sequence,]** when expressed in trans from a replicon**[,]**;
 - further selecting from the identified mutants**[among said genetically modified TGB-3 viral sequences, the specifically genetically modified sequence]**those which also inhibit**[s]** infection with a co-inoculated wild